

BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANCIS “FRANK” P. GONZALES



Commander - Nevada Army National Guard

Brigadier General Francis “Frank” P. Gonzales serves as the Commander of the Nevada Army National Guard. In his position, BG Gonzales overseas and guides the training and readiness activities for all units assigned to the Nevada Army Guard.

General Gonzales was previously the Deputy Commander of the Nevada Army Guard and the Brigade Commander for the Battle Born Brigade (Troop Command) in Las Vegas from 1996-99. He has also served as the Battalion Commander for the 121st Chemical Battalion in Elko and he

was the Commander of the 150th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company in Carson City.

In February 2006 General Gonzales concluded a deployment in Iraq where he served as the Gulf Region Division Project and Contracting Office Chief of Staff and Security in the International Zone forward operating base. As Chief of Staff, General Gonzales oversaw contractors working on 3,400 projects worth \$18.4 billion and he was also responsible for the 2,700 joint-force Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, and Sailors employed across the hostile combat zone contributing to the reconstruction of Iraq. He was also instrumental in the completion of the merger between the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Project Contracting Office in fall 2005.

In his civilian occupation, General Gonzales is the Operations Executive for the Nevada Power Company in Las Vegas. In that position, he is responsible for the transmission and distribution for the energy that powers the lights of Nevada's most-populated city.

EDUCATION:

1980 Ordnance Officer Basic Course
1986 Sierra Nevada College – BS Degree – Business
1988 Ordnance Officer Advance Course
1991 Chemical Officer Advanced Course
1992 Command and General Staff College
1994 University State of New York – Regents College – BS Degree – Sociology
1996 University of Phoenix – MA Degree – Organizational Management
1998 US Army War College

(Current as of August 2006)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jul 79 – May 82, Platoon Leader, Armament, 150th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, Carson City, Nevada
2. May 82 – Jul 82, Executive Officer, 150th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, Carson City, Nevada
3. Jul 82 – Sep 86, Company Commander, 150th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, Carson City, Nevada
4. Sep 86 – Sep 88, Support Maintenance Officer, HQ STARC, Carson City, Nevada
5. Sep 88 – Sep 90, S2/3 (Operations), 121st Chemical Battalion, Elko, Nevada
6. Sep 90 – Sep 91, Executive Officer, 121st Chemical Battalion, Elko, Nevada
7. Sep 91 – Apr 94, Battalion Commander, 121st Chemical Battalion, Elko, Nevada
8. Apr 94 – Jun 96, Brigade Executive Officer, Battle Born Brigade (Troop Command), Las Vegas, Nevada
9. Jun 96 – Jan 99, Brigade Commander, Battle Born Brigade (Troop Command), Las Vegas, Nevada
10. Jan 99 – Jun 06, Deputy Commander Nevada Army National Guard, Carson City Nevada
11. Jul 05 – Dec 05, Chief of Staff Project Contracting Office, Baghdad, Iraq
12. Dec 05 – Feb 06, Military Assistant, Iraq Reconstruction, Baghdad, Iraq
13. Feb 06 – Jun 06, Deputy Commander Nevada Army National Guard, Carson City, Nevada
14. Jun 06 – Present, Commander Army Guard, Nevada Army National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters – NV, Carson City, Nevada

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Achievement Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star Device)
Global War on Terrorism Medal
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass and “M” Device)
Army Service Ribbon
Nevada National Guard MG Drennan A. Clark Order of Nevada
Nevada National Guard Commendation Medal
Nevada National Guard Meritorious Service Ribbon
Nevada National Guard Service Ribbon (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Nevada National Guard Recruiting Ribbon

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OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

General Gonzales set the state age-group record in 2004 in the bench press with a lift of 440 pounds.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

2LT ARNG 21 Jul 79
1LT ARNG 20 Jul 82
CPT ARNG 01 Sep 83
MAJ ARNG 13 Sep 88
LTC ARNG 18 Nov 92
COL ARNG 11Mar 97
BG (LINE) 01 Jun 06